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FERGUSON FIRE

CANON CITY, CO---Firefighters expect to have 80 percent of fireline constructed around the Ferguson Fire at end of today's shift. Approximately 150 firefighters are committed to the incident, after containment is completed, fireline will be improved and mop up inside the perimeter will begin.

Cooler temperatures, increased relative humidity, and scattered rain showers should help firefighters contain the fire. Before the fire can be considered contained and secure, all of the smoldering trees and logs along the fire perimeter must be 'mopped-up'. These mop-up operations are expected to continue for several days.

The fire is suspected to be human caused and is still under investigation by the Fremont County Sheriff Department. Fremont County has implemented fire restrictions Tuesday May 13, 2008. The probability of ignition from any kind of spark is very high, Fremont County Sheriff Jim Beicker asks everyone to please be very careful. Fire restriction information is available on the Fremont County web site at www.fremontco.com

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